

Between classes only

APPENDIX B

SELECTION OF ORIGINAL CLASS - HIERARCHY OF CRITERIA

A. Most comprehensive claim

1. Encompasses the most organizational elements (larger combination rather than a subcombination)
2. Details of subcombination are irrelevant
3. Greatest extent of subject matter (e.g., preform vs. final article)

B. Superiority of statutory categories of inventions:

1. Process (of using product)
2. Product (of manufacture)
3. Process (of making a product)
4. Apparatus (performing 3 to make 2)
5. Material (used in 3 to make 2)

C. Order of relative superiority of types of subject matter

1. Subject matter relating to maintenance or preservation of life
2. Chemical subject matter
3. Electrical subject matter
4. Mechanical subject matter
 - a. Dynamic
 - b. Static

D. Classes listed by related subject (located in front of Manual of Classification)

1. Relative position of the class in a given group governs placement